

If we were abundantly supplied with coin we should not ask patrons to remit, but one of the very hardest things to do in this world, is to run a printing office on "promises." Our business is all in small amounts, and it is about as easy to pay one time as another, hence we trust that our patrons will freely respond to our calls for the sums due us on account.

The Thirteenth District.

Capt. E. C. Merriman, inspector of the 13th light-house district, returned from Portland by the Chester and called upon us yesterday for an interview respecting the rumored change of the buoy depot from Tongue point. Capt. Merriman informs us that for various reasons it has been recommended that the buoy depot be changed from Tongue point. He is aware of a movement on foot to change the depot to Albina, but is of opinion that it will not succeed. With respect to the Port Townsend matter, Capt. Merriman states that he has for some time past been negotiating for a wharf and piece of land there to be used for storing buoys that belong in that part of the district, but never has considered that as a suitable point for a depot for the entire district, and has not so recommended. He is quite plain and decided in favor of Astoria as headquarters for the district, and informs us that the late order permitting him to remove to Portland with his chief clerk, in no way touches headquarters of the district, and does not make the change felt in that particular. He is very anxious to secure a steamer for the district, and we have heretofore exerted our feeble efforts in that behalf—believing that a steamer is indispensably necessary for the use of the district, which is now only partly supplied, as the Steubrick has to do the work for the Twelfth as well as the Thirteenth district. We are glad that we mentioned the circumstance yesterday with regard to the buoy depot, because we have called the matter to Capt. Merriman's notice, as well as to the notice of the public. We never make such statements in our columns unless they are based on reliable data, and the information which we had received which prompted us to make the remarks we did yesterday were from a reliable source, and the statements of Capt. Merriman corroborates the matter in part. Our informant would not lead us into errors of this kind ignorantly nor wilfully. Just who it is that is making the movement in favor of Albina we are not at present fully advised, but without the co-operation of Capt. Merriman we feel certain that the movement will not succeed, and he positively and emphatically assures us that he would oppose any such movement. And for the very good reason that the extra expenses attendant upon efficient service would simply be enormous, at a time when the departments are striving to keep down expenses. We hope to be able to keep track of this subject, and if possible will expose any schemes which have a tendency to rob Astoria of what she has justly earned and is entitled to. The statement which we published yesterday is substantially true.

—Since Oakley Hall's mysterious disappearance from New York, his mysterious manner of living in London and his subsequent mysterious return to New York, the gossippers have been wonderfully puzzled to find any palatable reason for his strange actions. The Pioneer Press undertakes to explain it, but finally arrives at the conclusion that his conceit has resulted in a slight aberration, which shows itself in these surprising forms.

—The Astorian claims that the bill for extension of time to the Forest Grove and Astoria branch of the West-side railroad should be so amended that the company taking the benefit of its provisions would be compelled to commence work at Astoria, or at both ends of the road, and continue the construction till the road was laid. This is a reasonable demand, and we hope it will not be considered "asking too much" to have it amended. —See.

Our Houseless Population.

Under this head the Palouse Gazette gives forth timely warning that immigrants would do well to heed. The unprecedented immigration and the prosperous times, have caused an excessive demand for lumber in all this country, and the result is that lumber yards are barren at a time when they are usually fully full. A thousand feet of seasoned lumber can not be procured in that city, nor in fact can a thousand feet of any kind of lumber be obtained at the present time, except by giving an order to a mill man and waiting for him to cut it. The Gazette says: "The immigration to the Palouse country has been so unusually large this season, notwithstanding the Indian scare, that no kinds of manufactures have kept pace, and the result is we have about four consumers to one producer. This is more noticeable in the article of lumber. The three saw mills in this county have not supplied the demand for lumber, and never can. Lumber has been selling all the season at from \$16 to \$30 per thousand, and at no time has the demand been supplied. There are now more than one hundred families in this county without a shelter for winter, because lumber cannot be had to build, and at the present rate of immigration there can be no telling how many will be obliged to burrow in the ground like a coyote, and if this winter should be a severe one, there will probably be some suffering. Every wood shed or shelter of any kind is occupied for a dwelling house; buildings that were expected to be completed before this time, are unfinished for want of lumber. People intending to come here will do well to delay until spring, when it is hoped that saw mill men will see the golden opportunities in this and Stevens counties, and improve them.

Col. Bob. on Temperance.

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll says that the only "temperance speech" he ever made was in what was known as the Munn trial in Chicago, when he made these few remarks on alcohol: I believe, gentlemen, that alcohol to a certain degree demoralizes those who make it, those who sell it, and those who drink it. I believe that from the time it issues from the coiled and poisoned worm of the distillery until it empties into the hell of crime, dishonor and death, it demoralizes everybody that touches it, from its source to its end. I do not believe that anybody can contemplate the subject without becoming prejudiced against that liquid crime. All we have to do, gentlemen, is to think of the wrecks upon either bank of the stream of death—of suicides—of the insanity—of the poverty—of the ignorance—of the destitution—of the little children tugging at the faded dresses of weeping and despairing wives asking for bread—of the millions struggling with imaginations produced by this devilish thing; and when you think of the jails, of the alms houses, of the asylums, of the prisons and of scaffolds upon either bank, I do not wonder that every thoughtful man is prejudiced against that damning stuff called alcohol.

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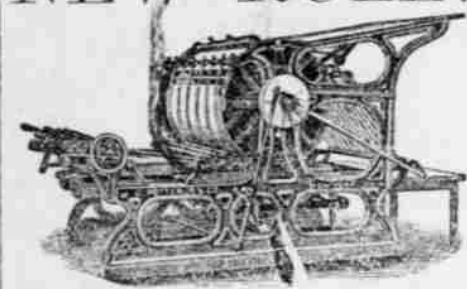
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